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DATE:

July 01, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Traditions Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Class I Recall; Pre-Packaged Meal Products Due To Possible Salmonella Contamination;

Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-

mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The pre-packaged meals were distributed nationwide to various food distributors and regional nutrition service providers. These meals were not available for consumer purchase. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Mississippi Firm Recalls Pre-Packaged Meal Products Due To Possible Salmonella Contamination

Recall Release

CLASS I RECALL

FSIS-RC-037-2009

HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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WASHINGTON, July 1, 2009 - Traditions, a Pearl, Miss., establishment, is recalling an undetermined amount of various boxed pre-packaged meal kits. The boxes contain separate portions of instant nonfat dried milk, which was previously recalled, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.



Due to potential *Salmonella* contamination, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a recall of the instant nonfat dried milk product on June 28, 2009. Although the nonfat dried milk product has already been recalled, as announced by FDA, the master boxes, which contain the various pre-packaged meal items, bear the USDA mark of inspection on the outside of the box.

The products subject to recall include: [View Labels]

- Boxes of "TRADITIONS MEAL SOLUTIONS" prepackaged meal kits.
- Boxes of "ILSmeals Home Meal Delivery Service" prepackaged meal kits.

The weight and ingredient, or item, statements vary on the master boxes. Each box contains approximately 2 to 12 meals. The instant nonfat dried milk products were packaged in the master shipping boxes on various dates ranging from January 28, 2008 to June 5, 2009. The final shipping containers bear the establishment number "EST. 18350" and/or "P-18350" within the USDA mark of inspection printed on the side of the box. The only component that represents a hazard is the nonfat dried milk product. The packet of nonfat dry milk should not be used or consumed. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with the consumption of these products.

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The problem was first discovered when USDA found Salmonella in a dairy product and alerted FDA, resulting in the FDA investigation and subsequent recall of the nonfat dry milk product by Plainview Milk Products Cooperative.

Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact company Quality Assurance Manager, Marcia Guymon, at (601) 420-8806; media inquiries should be directed to Elmer McInnis, Executive Vice President of Procurement, at (601) 664-3138.

Consumption of food contaminated with Salmonella can cause salmonellosis, one of the most common bacterial foodborne illnesses. Salmonella infections can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or

undergoing chemotherapy. The most common manifestations of salmonellosis are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within eight to 72 hours. Additional symptoms may be chills, headache, nausea and vomiting that can last up to seven days.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.





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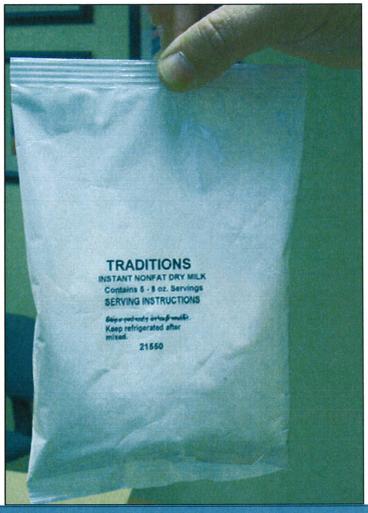
Food Safety Questions? Ask Karen!

FSIS' automated response system can provide food safety information 24/7

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Product Labels

This is the nonfat dry milk packet; additional labels are contained in the PDF document.



USDA Recall Classifications		
Class I	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.	
Class II	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.	
Class III	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.	